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PATENT
Customer No. 22,852
Attorney Docket No. 06879.0004

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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Yukio WATANABE et al.) Group Art Unit: 1722
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Application No.: 10/019,658) Examiner: J. Del Sole
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Filed: January 2, 2002)
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For: HARDNESS TAPER TUBE AND) Confirmation No.: 9996
PRODUCTION METHOD AND)
DEVICE THEREFOR)

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition for a two month extension of time to reply to the Office
Action of December 29, 2003. A fee payment of \$420.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge
any additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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